

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2471 - SB 2609

January 21, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local Special Education Associations to develop and provide training for the proper use of restraints and seclusion for special education students.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

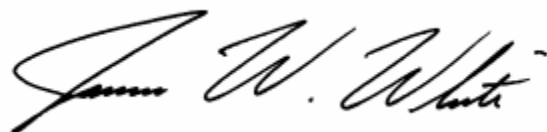
Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures - \$50,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- According to the Comptroller, Special Education Associations are created and funded through local education agencies. Associations are authorized but not mandated under current law. Currently there are not any associations.
- According to the Department of Education, each association would have the power to fund programs at any level its governing board saw fit. (It is estimated that the total cost for participation would be less than \$100,000). The participation of one LEA would cost \$50,000.
- Each association is granted permissive powers through current statute.
- Any resulting guidelines issued by the Special Education Association would not be binding, except within that association.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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